

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Nine bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2323–2331, and S. Res. 442–444.

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Measures Passed:

National Physical Education and Sport Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 441, designating the week of May 1 through May 7, 2014, as “National Physical Education and Sport Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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National Travel and Tourism Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 443, recognizing the goals of National Travel and Tourism Week and honoring the valuable contributions of travel and tourism to the United States.

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Former Senator Harlan Mathews: Senate agreed to S. Res. 444, relative to the death of Harlan Mathews, former United States Senator for the State of Tennessee.

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Measures Considered:

Hire More Heroes Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3474, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 96 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 143), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 14,

2014; and that all time during adjournment, morning business and Executive Session count post-cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Marquez Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Rosemary Marquez, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Diane J. Humetewa, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

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Rayes Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Douglas L. Rayes, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Rosemary Marquez, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

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Soto Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of James Alan Soto, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Douglas L. Rayes, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

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Costa Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the

Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of James Alan Soto, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

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NOMINATIONS—AGREEMENT: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding Rule XXII, at 11:15 a.m., on Wednesday, May 14, 2014, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nominations of Steven Paul Logan, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, John Joseph Tuchi, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, and Diane J. Humetewa, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, then begin consideration and vote on confirmation of the nominations of Roy K. J. Williams, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, and Carlos Roberto Moreno, of California, to be Ambassador to Belize; if cloture is invoked on the nominations of Steven Paul Logan, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, John Joseph Tuchi, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, and Diane J. Humetewa, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, the time until 5:15 p.m., be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, and at 5:15 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations, in the order listed; that there be two minutes for debate prior to each vote, equally divided in the usual form, that any roll call votes, following the first in each series, be ten minutes in length; that no further motions be in order to the nominations; Senate then resume legislative session and vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3474, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.
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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Harlan Mathews, former United States Senator for the State of Tennessee, in accordance with S. Res. 444, at 6:41 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2980.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HIGH FREQUENCY AND AUTOMATED TRADING IN FUTURES MARKETS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine high frequency and automated trading in futures markets, after receiving testimony from Vincent McGonagle, Director, Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Terrence A. Duffy, CME Group Inc., Chicago, Illinois; and Andrei Kirilenko, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management, Cambridge.

EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine expanding economic opportunity for women and families, after receiving testimony from Heather Boushey, Washington Center for Equitable Growth, and Sabrina L. Schaeffer, Independent Women's Forum, both of Washington, DC; and AnnMarie Duchon, MomsRising.org, Boston, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Tourism, Competitiveness, and Innovation: Senators Schatz (Chair), Nelson, Pryor, Klobuchar, Begich, Markey, Walsh, Scott, Blunt, Heller, Coats, Fischer, and Johnson (WI).

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Suzette M. Kimball, of West Virginia, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, who was introduced by Senator Manchin, and Estevan R. Lopez, of New Mexico, to be Commissioner of Reclamation, who was introduced by Senators Udall (NM) and Heinrich, both of the Department of the Interior, and Monica C. Regalbuto, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental

Management, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

POLLUTED TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE STORMWATER RUNOFF

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine polluted transportation infrastructure stormwater runoff, after receiving testimony from Paul Mather, Oregon Department of Transportation Highway Division Administrator, Salem; James P. Gibson, Jr., Sanitation District No.1 of Northern Kentucky, Fort Wright; Kim Coble, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Annapolis, Maryland; Daniel E. Medina, Atkins, Calverton, Maryland; Ken Cuccinelli, Cuccinelli and Associates, Fairfax, Virginia; Gregory M. Cohen, American Highway Users Alliance, Washington, DC; and Andre Monette, Best Best and Krieger, San Diego, California.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Paige Eve Alexander, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Alice G. Wells, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Thomas P. Kelly III, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, and Cassandra Q. Butts, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving financial management at the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer, Robert M. Speer, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller, Susan J. Rabern, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management and Comptroller, Jamie M. Morin, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller, and Jon T. Rymer, Inspector General, all of the Department of Defense; and Asif A. Khan, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office.

STRENGTHENING MINORITY SERVING INSTITUTIONS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening minority serving institutions, focusing on the best practices and innovations for student success, after receiving testimony from Marybeth Gasman, University of Pennsylvania Penn Center for Minority Serving Institutions, Philadelphia; Michael L. Lomax, UNCF, Washington, DC; Eloy Ortiz Oakley, Long Beach City College, Long Beach, California; D. Jason DeSousa, Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, North Carolina; and John Bassett, Heritage University, Toppenish, Washington.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Julie E. Carnes, of Georgia, and Jill A. Pryor, of Georgia, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Leslie Joyce Abrams, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia, and Michael P. Boggs, Mark Howard Cohen, Leigh Martin May, and Eleanor Louise Ross, all to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, after the nominees, who were all introduced by Senators Chambliss and Isakson, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ECONOMIC ESPIONAGE AND TRADE SECRET THEFT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism concluded a hearing to examine economic espionage and trade secret theft, focusing on if laws are adequate for today's threats, after receiving testimony from Randall C. Coleman, Assistant Director, Counterintelligence Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Peter L. Hoffman, The Boeing Company, Chicago, Illinois; Pamela Passman, Center for Responsible Enterprise and Trade, Washington, DC; Drew Greenblatt, Martin Steel Wire Products, Baltimore, Maryland; and Douglas K. Norman, Eli Lilly and Company, Indianapolis, Indiana.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 4 public bills, H.R. 4656–4659; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 583–584 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 306, for the relief of Corina de Chalup Turcinovic (H. Rept. 113–445);

H.R. 4435, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 113–446); and

H.R. 3610, to stop exploitation through trafficking, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–447, Pt. 1).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Rooney to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Michael Wilker, Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Washington, DC.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 1 p.m. and adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D423)

S. 994, to expand the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to increase accountability and transparency in Federal spending. Signed on May 9, 2014. (Public Law 113–101)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine defense research and innovation, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine strengthening oversight and integrity of the financial markets, focusing on fiscal year 2015 resource needs of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 2 p.m., SD–138.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine nuclear reactor decommissioning, focusing on stakeholder views, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Sylvia Mathews Burwell, of West Virginia, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, 2:15 p.m., SH–216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mark Sobel, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director, and Sunil Sabharwal, of California, to be United States Alternate Executive Director, both of the International Monetary Fund, Matthew T. McGuire, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and Mileydi Guilarde, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “The Strong Start for America’s Children Act”, and the nomination of R. Jane Chu, of Missouri, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine charting a path forward for the Chemical Facilities Anti-Terrorism Standards Program, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the role of mitigation in reducing Federal expenditures for disaster response, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine wildfires and forest management, focusing on how prevention is preservation, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program, focusing on supporting law enforcement officers, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine a collection, analysis and use of elections data, focusing on a measured approach to improving election administration, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: to hold hearings to examine heroin and prescription drug abuse, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3474, *Hire More Heroes Act*, post-closure.

At 11:15 a.m., Senate will vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Steven Paul Logan, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, John Joseph Tuchi, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, and Diane J. Humetewa, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, and on confirmation of the nominations of Roy K. J. Williams, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, and Carlos Roberto Moreno, of California, to be Ambassador to Belize.

At 5:15 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Steven Paul Logan, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, John Joseph Tuchi, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, and Diane J. Humetewa, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, and adoption of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3474, *Hire More Heroes Act*.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 p.m., Thursday, May 15

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 2 p.m.

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